Coir factories and cashewnut factories.

22. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representation to the effect that coir factories and cashewnut factories worked with the aid of power or not should be declared factories under the Factories Act ; and

(*b*) the action taken thereon ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries and Labour Commissioner*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question has been taken up for consideration.

Krishikar Sanghom of Chempakaramanputhoor pakuthi.

23. **MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received copy of resolutions passed at the meeting of the Krishikar Sanghom of Chempakaramanputhoor of the said pakuthi, Tovala taluk ; and

(*b*) if so, what steps were taken on those resolutions ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is receiving attention.

Irrigation Committee for Nanjinad.

24. **MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Irrigation Committee for Nanjinad appointed by Government has begun to function ;

(*b*) how many meetings they held so far, and how many irrigation works they recommended for execution with the total estimate thereof ; and

(*c*) how many such works were executed with their respective amounts so far spent ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Four meetings. 53 works (improvements and repairs to tanks) were decided to be taken up as per details given below :—

(1) Works in progress 22 tanks Rs. 6,500.

(2) Works for which estimates have been sanctioned—26 tanks Rs. 16,500.

(3) Works for which estimates have not been sanctioned 4 tanks—Rs. 2,000.

(4) Other sanctioned works decided to be taken up this year during the 4th Meeting of the Committee from the savings under funded works.

Total works 53 Rs. 25,000.

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(*c*) Arrangements for the execution of 47 works, 22 under item (1) and 25 under item (2) have been made by the P. W. D. Division Officer, Nagercoil.

The amount so far spent during the current year is Rs. 2,150.

Road branching from Therkulam to Suchindram.

25. **MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the estimate for constructing a rivetment wall on the road branching from Therkulam to Suchindram was sanctioned;

(*b*) if so, when it was sanctioned; and

(*c*) what are the reasons for the delay in taking up the work?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In 1114.

(*c*) Due to want of funds.

The P. W. D. Advisory Board.

26. **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when was the P. W. D. Advisory Board constituted; and

(*b*) whether it has held any meeting and, if so, when?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) On 31-10-1939.

(*b*) Three meetings, the first on the 18th and 19th January 1940, the second on the 22nd and 23rd April 1940 and the 3rd on the 29th, 30th and 31st May 1940.

Bridge over the Alwaye river.

27. **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state when the construction of the bridge over the Alwaye river is expected to be completed?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR (*Chief Engineer*): The Bridge has been completed.

Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Works.

28 **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state when electric power from the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric works will be available for public consumption?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The supply of power to the various areas covered by the entire network is already available to the public.

Kudumbi Community in the Public Service.

29. **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of the number of applicants from the Kudumbi community for recruitment to the public service and the number of persons selected, if any?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN (*Secretary in charge of the duties of the Public Service Commissioner*): No. No separate statistics are maintained with regard to applicants from the Kudumbi community, one of the 25 sub-divisions of the "Other Hindu" community.

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